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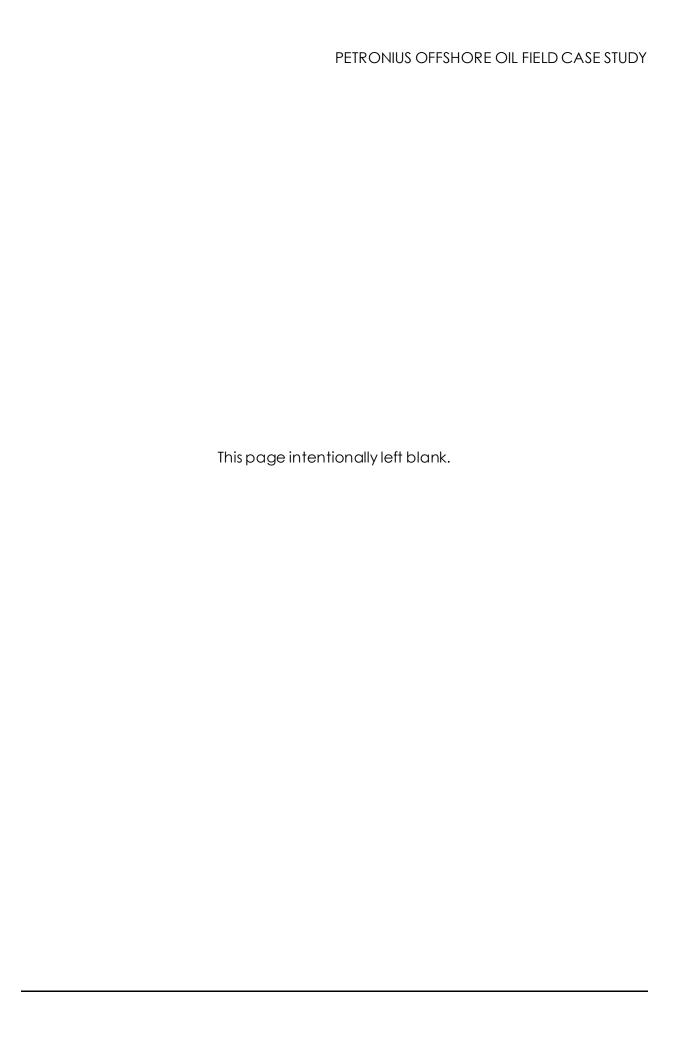
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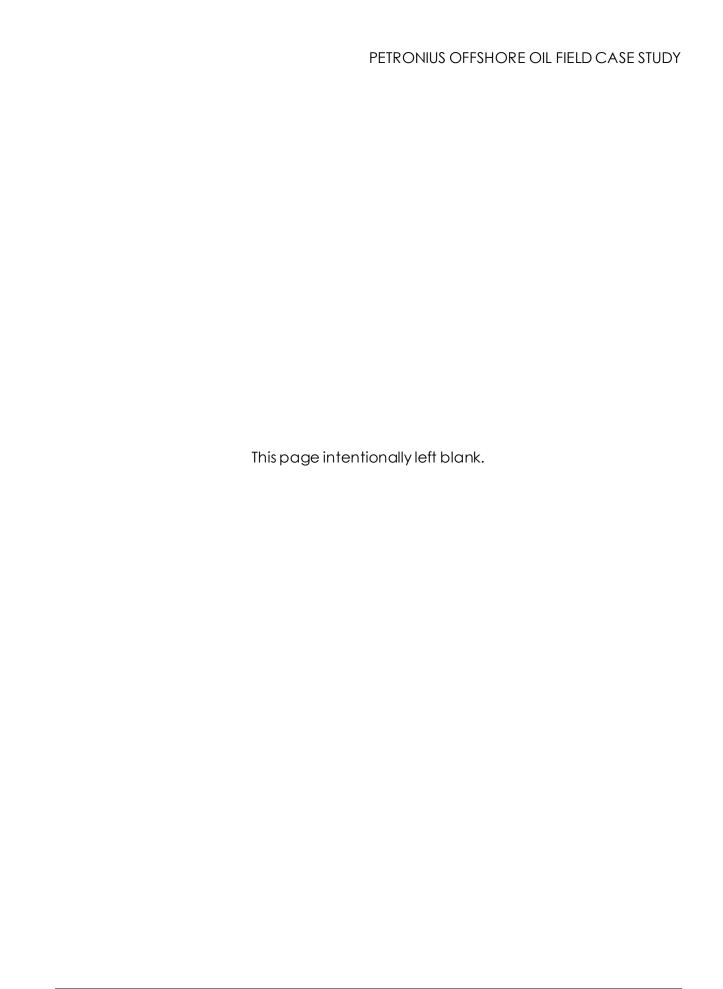
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# **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

ф	Reservoir porosity	MMcf	Million cubic feet
A	Accessible Oil Area (acres)	MMcfd	Million cubic feet per day
API	American Petroleum Institute	MMSCF	Million standard cubic feet
ARI	Advanced Resources	MW	Molecular weight
	International	NETL	National Energy Technology
atm	Atmosphere		Laboratory
bbl	Barrel	OCS	Outer continental shelf
bbl/d	Barrels per day	OOIP	Original oil in place
Bcf	Billion cubic feet	Рс	Critical pressure
Boi	Initial oil formation volume	Ave Pres PC	OVO SCTR Average pressure for
	factor		pore volume per sector
$CO_2$	Carbon dioxide	psi	Pounds per square inch
DOE	Department of Energy	psia	Pounds per square inch
DP	Dykstra-Parsons		absolute
EOR	Enhanced oil recovery	rb	Reservoir barrel
F	Net payzone thickness (feet)	SC	Standard Conditions
ft	Foot, feet	scf/bbl	Standard cubic feet per barrel
ft³	Cubic feet	SI	Shutin
GOM	Gulf of Mexico	Sim	Simulated
K	Kelvin	Soi	Initial oil saturation
km	Kilometer	Sor	Residual oil saturation
Mbbl	Thousand barrels	Stb	Stock tank barrel
Mcf/bbl	Thousand cubic feet per barrel	Swi	Initial water saturation
mD	Millidarcy	Tc	Critical temperature
MESA	Mission Execution and Strategic	U.S.	United States
	Analysis	VK 786	Petronius deepwater oilfield
MMbbl(s)	Million barrels	°F	Degrees Fahrenheit



#### 1 Introduction

Offshore Gulf of Mexico (GOM) outer continental shelf (OCS) oil fields offer significant potential for storage of captured carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions and incremental oil production using CO<sub>2</sub> enhanced oil recovery (EOR). Understanding the scope and potential of these resources requires in-depth analysis of offshore oil field geologic settings and projects costs. The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has developed a robust set of onshore CO<sub>2</sub> EOR modeling tools (e.g., the Fossil Energy/NETL CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet Model [CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet Model]), [1] [2] which may be adaptable for modeling offshore CO<sub>2</sub> EOR resources and projects costs. However, developing a set of offshore CO<sub>2</sub> EOR modeling tools requires significant understanding of offshore reservoir characteristics, oil field infrastructure, and project economics. Therefore, it is important to develop a knowledge base of GOM OCS offshore oil reservoir geology and understand the challenges of offshore oil field development and operation in greater detail. Given that the overall offshore CO<sub>2</sub> EOR concept is in its infancy, there is very little field data available to inform model development.

For this study, a small subset of GOM OCS offshore oil fields were investigated and then case studies on the Cognac oil field [3] and Petronius oil field (discussed in this report) were conducted to generate a body of knowledge on the potential offshore CO<sub>2</sub> EOR concept, so that models with the ability to reliably replicate potential offshore CO<sub>2</sub> EOR operations can later be developed. The primary purpose of this study is to assess to what extent the CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet Model is able to reasonably represent the performance of an offshore CO<sub>2</sub> flood, including appropriately capturing the geologic complexity and irregular well spacings typical of offshore oil fields. To perform the assessment of the capabilities of the CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet Model, the following seven tasks were completed:

- 1. Built a representative geologic model for the Petronius oil field J-2 Sand, including capturing its structural setting and associated aquifer
- Assembled the key reservoir properties of the J-2 Sand, including its volumetric data, fluid flow capabilities (including relative permeability curves), and oil composition to construct a reservoir model
- 3. Established the locations of the existing oil/gas production wells in the J-2 Sand
- 4. Used Computer Modelling Group Ltd.'s GEM compositional simulator ("GEM") to provide a "first-order" history match of fluid production from the J-2 Sand and to calibrate the J-2 Sand's geologic and reservoir description with its oil, gas, and water production history
- 5. Appraised the performance of a post-primary CO<sub>2</sub> EOR project in the J-2 Sand using GEM with a calibrated geologic/reservoir description
- 6. Appraised the performance of a post-primary CO<sub>2</sub> EOR project in the J-2 Sand using the CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet Model (a variant of the NETL CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet Model with similar functionality and performance analysis) in parallel with GEM
- 7. Compared the modeling results of a post-primary CO<sub>2</sub> EOR project in the Petronius oil field J-2 Sand from GEM and the CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet Model to determine whether the CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet Model could reasonably represent the performance of the CO<sub>2</sub> flood compared to the more sophisticated GEM

#### 2 PETRONIUS OIL FIELD

The Petronius deepwater oil field (VK 786) is located in 1,790 feet (ft) of water in the East Central GOM (Exhibit 2-1). [4] The Petronius oil field, with 162 million barrels (MMbbl) of original oil reserves and 200 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of original gas reserves, has produced over 96 percent of its original oil reserves and about 95 percent of its original gas reserves as of the end of 2016. Oil production, which peaked at 70,000 barrels per day (bbl/d) in 2003, declined to 6,000 bbl/d in 2017, placing the Petronius oil field on a list of oil fields facing near-term abandonment and making it a top candidate for EOR using injection of CO<sub>2</sub>.

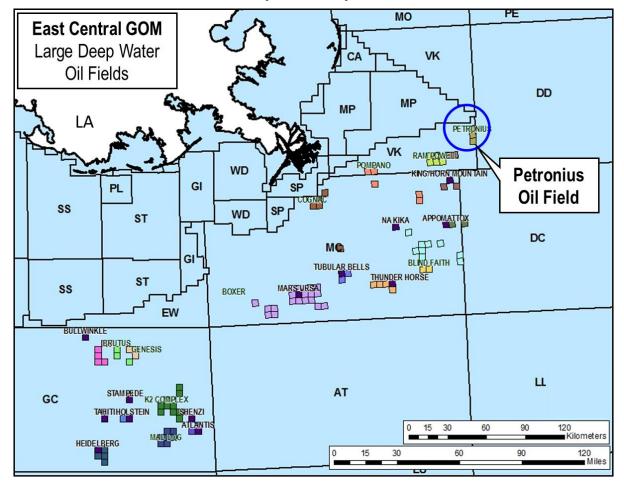


Exhibit 2-1. Location of Petronius oil field, East Central GOM

At the time of its installation in 2000, Petronius's compliant tower structure, designed to absorb nearly 100 mile-per-hour winds and 74-ft waves, was the world's largest offshore oil and gas platform. Since then, Petronius's claim as the largest offshore platform has been surpassed by the Perdido and Mars B/Olympus platforms in the GOM. A notable feature of Petronius is its early installation of a waterflood due to the presence of a relatively weak underlying aquifer.

Exhibit 2-2 illustrates how a regional offshore CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline system could connect the Petronius oil field to CO<sub>2</sub> supplies from onshore Alabama, enabling a CO<sub>2</sub> EOR project to proceed. [4]

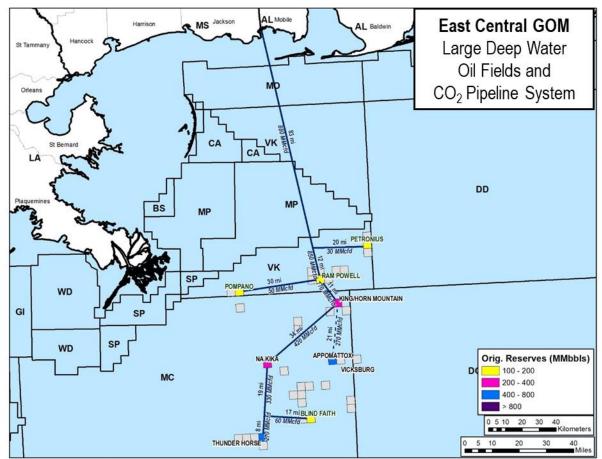


Exhibit 2-2. Potential CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline system for Petronius oil field, East Central GOM

#### 2.1 STRUCTURAL SETTING

The Petronius oil field J-2 Sand reservoir was deposited as a Middle Miocene sheet sand, providing a structurally and stratigraphically relatively simple geologic setting. There is little faulting within the Petronius oil field; the J-2 Sand reservoir is judged to be relatively continuous (Exhibit 2-3).

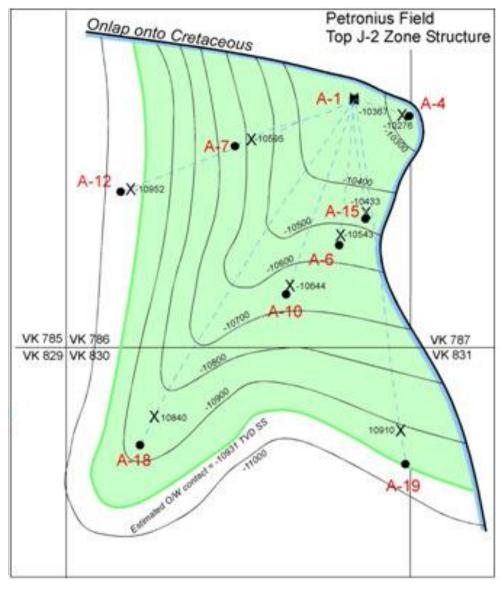


Exhibit 2-3. Petronius oil field J-2 Sand structure map

Used with permission from the Society of Petroleum of Engineers. [5]

#### 2.2 PETRONIUS OIL RESOURCES

The Petronius oil field contains two major sands, the Miocene-age Upper (J-1) Sand and Middle (J-2) Sand, as well as a series of smaller oil sands (Exhibit 2-4). The J-2 Sand, the second largest sand in the Petronius oil field, with 106 MMbbl of original oil in place (OOIP) and an expected recovery efficiency of about 50 percent (after waterflooding), is a potential candidate for CO<sub>2</sub> EOR. The somewhat larger, 125 MMbbl J-1 Sand has a higher expected oil recovery of nearly 60 percent, leaving a lower residual oil saturation and thus lower incremental oil recovery potential than the J-2 Sand.

Three additional sands exist in the Petronius oil field: J-3, J-4, and J-5. Each of these sands has an OOIP of less than 50 MMbbl and is too small for a standalone EOR project; however, joint

development with the larger J-1 and J-2 sands could enable one or more of these sands to become an EOR candidate. [4]

Exhibit 2-4. Petronius oil resources, cumulative production, and remaining reserves

Sands	Oil Area (Acres)	OOIP (MMbbl)	Cumulative Oil Production <sup>A</sup> (MMbbl)	Remaining Oil Reserves <sup>A</sup> (MMbbl)
Major Sands				
J-1	3,438	124.8	69.6	4.0
J-2	5,288	105.0	52.0	1.3
Minor Sands				
J-3	1,352	24.5	6.1	1.0
J-4	1,398	39.2	17.8	0.9
J-5	389	18.2	7.8	1.5
Others	-	0.7	0.2	-
Total	11,865	312.4	153.5	8.7

AAs of end of 2016

Source: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) data, 2018

### 3 PETRONIUS OIL FIELD BLOCK VK 786 J-2 SAND

The reservoir modeling addresses the J-2 Sand in Block VK 786 of the Petronius oil field. The Block VK 786 J-2 Sand has been developed with nine production and four water injection wells. As of the end of 2017, six of the production wells and one of the water injection wells are still active (Exhibit 3-1). [6]

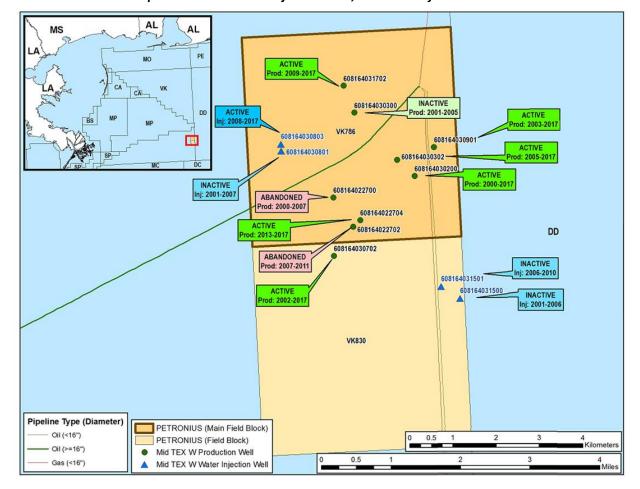


Exhibit 3-1. Oil production and water injection wells, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

Source: Used with permission from Advanced Resources International [6]

The key volumetric and reservoir properties for the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand used for reservoir simulation are provided in Exhibit 3-2.

Exhibit 3-2. Reservoir properties, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

Property	Value
Accessible Oil Area (acres)	5,700
Porosity (%)	28
Permeability Horizontal (mD)	398
Permeability Vertical (mD)	40
Permeability Anisotropy	5 to 1
Net Pay (ft)	16
Oil Gravity (°API)	31
Swi	0.23
Boi (rb/stb)	1.44
OOIP (MMbbl)	106
Gas/Oil Ratio (scf/bbl)	982
Initial Pressure (at 8,297 ft) (psia)	5,800
Initial Reservoir Temperature (°F)	182

Based on the reservoir properties in Exhibit 3-2, the OOIP for the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand is 106 MMbbl, as calculated below:

OOIP = 
$$(A * F) *7758 (Ø * Soi/Boi)$$

= (5,700 \* 16) \* 7,758 B/AF (0.28 \* 0.77/1.44)

= (19,200 AF) \* (1,162 B/AF)

= 106 MMbbl

In the OOIP equation above, A is the accessible oil area, F is the average payzone net thickness, Soi is the initial oil saturation, and  $\phi$  is reservoir porosity. Oil production from the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand has declined rapidly in recent years. After a peak of 22,400 bbl/d in 2003, oil production from the J-2 Sand declined to 1,900 bbl/d in 2017. Exhibit 3-3 illustrates the oil production history for the nine production wells in the Petronius oil field J-2 Sand. [7] As of the end of 2017, the J-2 Sand had produced 52 MMbbl of oil, with 1.3 MMbbl of remaining reserves available from secondary (waterflooding) recovery. As such, overall oil recovery is expected to exceed 50 percent of OOIP ([106 MMbbl-52 MMbbl]/106 MMbbl = 50.9 percent).

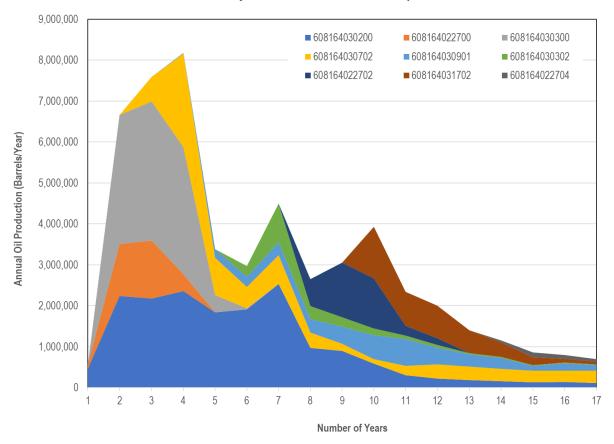


Exhibit 3-3. Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand oil production 2000-2017

Exhibit 3-4 provides tabular data on the annual oil production history for the nine oil production wells of the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand. [7] Exhibit 3-5 provides a summary of water injection data from 2000 to 2017 for the waterflood in the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand. [7] A cumulative of 118 MMbbl of water has been injected over 18 years.

Exhibit 3-4. Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand oil production 2000–2017 (bbl)

Well API ID (last five digits)										
Year	30901	22700	30300	30702	30901	30302	22702	31702	22704	Total (bbl)
2000	463,966	91,496	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	555,462
2001	2,238,076	1,275,758	3,145,503	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,659,337
2002	2,181,132	1,408,749	3,396,552	605,209	-	-	-	-	-	7,591,642
2003	2,362,544	411,435	3,098,410	2,287,593	18,167	-	-	-	-	8,178,149
2004	1,838,280	391	418,917	920,037	209,826	-	-	-	-	3,387,451
2005	1,910,395	-	27,929	520,556	250,523	258,627	-	-	-	2,968,030
2006	2,532,016	-	-	704,357	322,074	935,412	-	-	-	4,493,859
2007	968,174	-	-	382,673	326,639	314,102	660,163	-	-	2,651,751
2008	897,819	-	-	171,320	421,910	226,733	1,334,035	-	-	3,051,817
2009	591,792	-	-	105,678	586,058	160,309	1,227,527	1,262,416	-	3,933,780
2010	304,182	-	-	233,187	649,472	88,699	235,396	834,927	-	2,345,863
2011	226,460	-	-	341,511	400,223	75,333	162,352	798,410	-	2,004,289
2012	184,391	-	-	334,495	298,997	30,456	-	556,363	-	1,404,702
2013	157,279	-	-	301,401	265,807	31,895	-	351,298	49,516	1,157,196
2014	134,867	-	-	278,273	122,713	16,525	-	189,245	116,821	858,444
2015	145,487	-	-	272,831	179,730	14,724	-	92,252	93,068	798,092
2016	110,599	-	-	302,725	136,954	15,666	-	71,838	57,840	695,622
2017	36,927*	-	-	164,956	53,014	2,169	-	20,603	20,557	298,226
Total	17,284,386	3,187,829	10,087,311	7,926,802	4,242,107	2,170,650	3,619,473	4,177,352	337,802	53,033,712

<sup>\*</sup>As of August 2017

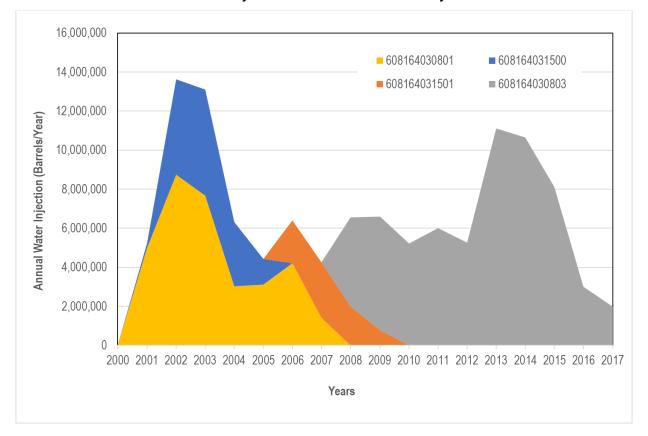


Exhibit 3-5. Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand water injection 2000–2017

Exhibit 3-6 and Exhibit 3-7 provide hydrocarbon composition and binary interaction coefficients used, respectively, for the 31° American Petroleum Institute (API) gravity in the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand with a gas/oil ratio of 982 standard cubic feet per barrel (scf/bbl). The oil composition used for the GEM model was based on data from Li et al. (2017) for a Wolfcamp reservoir oil with similar API gravity and reservoir characteristics. [8]

Exhibit 3-6. Oil composition, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

Component	Mole Fraction
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.35
N2	1.16
C1	38.32
C2	8.66
C3	8.55
iC4	1.06
C4	4.86
C5-C6	7.66
C7-C12	15.70
C13-C21	7.50
C22+	6.23

Modified from Li, 2017.

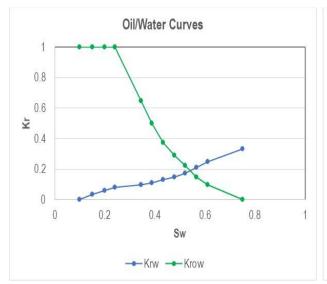
Exhibit 3-7. Binary interaction coefficients used for the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

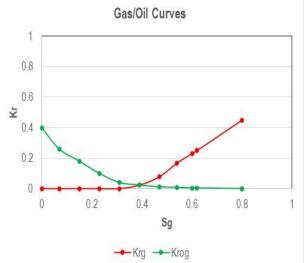
Component	Pc	Tc	MW			Binar	y Interact	ion Coeff	icients		
Component	(atm)	(K)	IVIVV	CO <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	C1	C2	С3	IC4	NC4	C5-6
CO <sub>2</sub>	72.8	304.2	44.01	0							
N <sub>2</sub>	33.5	126.2	28.01	0	0						
C1	45.4	190.6	16.04	0.105	0.025	0					
C2	48.2	305.4	30.07	0.13	0.01	0.0027	0				
С3	41.9	369.8	44.09	0.125	0.09	0.0085	0.0017	0			
IC4	36	408.1	58.12	0.12	0.095	0.0157	0.0055	0.0011	0		
NC4	37.5	425.2	58.12	0.115	0.095	0.0147	0.0049	0.0009	0.0000	0	
C5-6	31.4	486.4	78.3	0.115	0.1	0.0319	0.0165	0.0077	0.0030	0.0035	0
C7-12	24.7	585.1	120.6	0.115	0.11	0.0470	0.0279	0.0162	0.0089	0.0097	0.0016
C13-21	17.0	740.1	220.7	0.115	0.11	0.1003	0.0728	0.0539	0.0402	0.0417	0.0218
C22-80	12.9	1024	443.5	0.115	0.11	0.1266	0.0964	0.0750	0.0590	0.0608	0.0365

Modified from Li, 2017.

Exhibit 3-8 provides the relative permeability curves for oil/water and gas/oil used for history matching the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand produced fluids.

Exhibit 3-8. Relative permeability for oil/water and gas/oil, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand





# 4 RESERVOIR MODEL FOR THE PETRONIUS OIL FIELD BLOCK VK 786 J-2 SAND

This section describes the reservoir model, which includes key reservoir properties such as volumetric data and oil composition, for the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand. This section also discusses calibration of the reservoir model.

#### 4.1 Constructing the Reservoir Model

The reservoir model for the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand contains 79 grid blocks in the X directive and 79 grid blocks Y directive, with each grid block set at 400 x 400 ft. The upstructure portion of the reservoir model area, equal to 5,700 acres, represents the oil-saturated area of the J-2 Sand. The down-structure portion of the reservoir model area represents the underlying aquifer. The thickness of the J-2 Sand of 16 ft was sub-divided into 3 layers, 5.33 ft per layer, to provide higher resolution and to model gravity effects on injected and produced fluids.

Exhibit 4-1 illustrates the structure and depth of the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand as well as the oil-water contact and location of its nine production and four injection wells. [7] A northeast/southwest 1.8-degree dip was implemented. All wells (nine producers and four water injectors) were placed in the model based on their available borehole locations. The depth of each well was checked for accuracy.

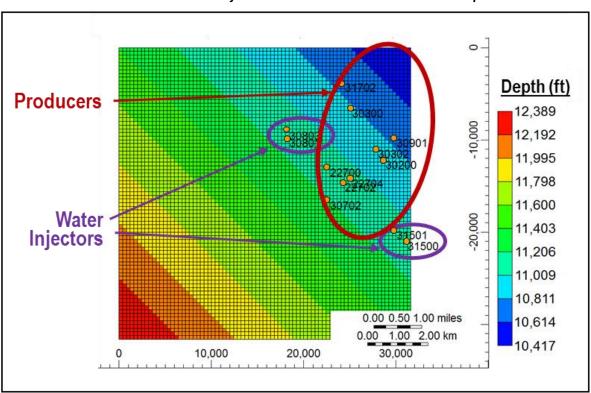


Exhibit 4-1. Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand structure and depth

Exhibit 4-2 shows the reservoir model, grid blocks, and initial water saturation for the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand and its associated aquifer. [7]

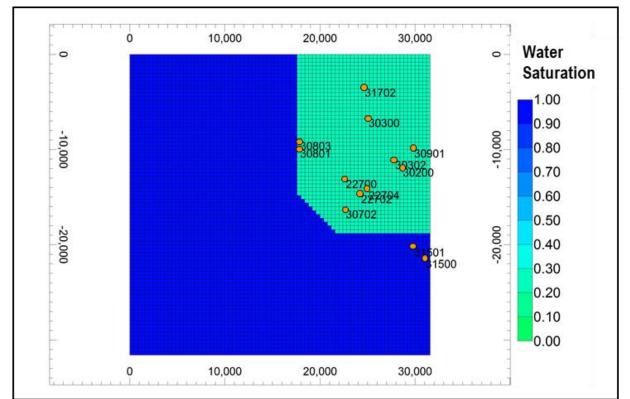


Exhibit 4-2. Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand reservoir model and grid blocks

#### 4.2 CALIBRATING THE RESERVOIR MODEL

To calibrate the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand's reservoir properties, a history match was performed of the oil, gas, and water production reported for the J-2 Sand, presented previously in Exhibit 3-3. Reported fluid production values were closely matched using GEM, the J-2 Sand structure, and its reservoir properties and other parameters, as shown in Exhibit 4-3 and Exhibit 4-4. [7]

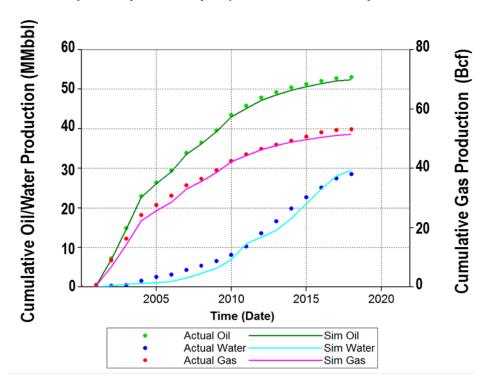


Exhibit 4-3. History match of cumulative fluid production, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

Exhibit 4-4. Comparison of actual and history-matched values for oil, gas, and water production, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

Fluid	Actual Data	History Matched Data
Oil (MMbbl)	53	52.4
Gas (Bcf)	53	51.4
Water (MMbbl)	28.5	29.4

An important output of the history match was the estimate of J-2 Sand reservoir pressure at the end of primary production (Exhibit 4-5). This value is important for designing injection volumes and schedules for the proposed miscible  $CO_2$  flood in the J-2 Sand.

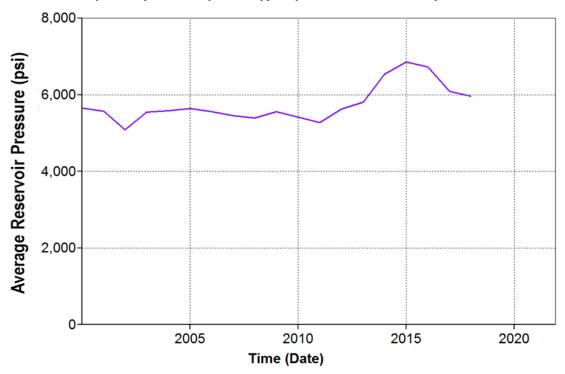
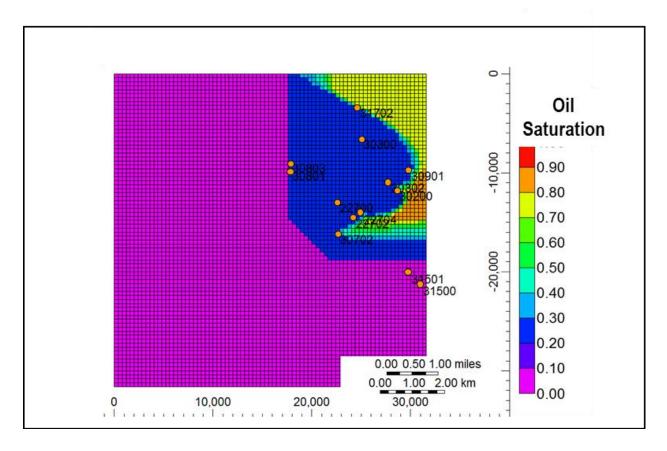


Exhibit 4-5. Reservoir pressure from history match of fluid production, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

An equally important output of the history match was establishing the location of the oil remaining in the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand reservoir at the end of the waterflood (Exhibit 4-6). [7] This information helped establish the optimum location for placing the new  $CO_2$  injection well for modeling the  $CO_2$  flood. The initial oil saturation in the oil zone before primary and waterflood production was estimated at 0.77 with a formation volume factor of 1.44.

Exhibit 4-6. Oil saturation at end of waterflood, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand



# 5 GEM MODELING OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CO<sub>2</sub> FLOOD, PETRONIUS OIL FIELD BLOCK VK 786 J-2 SAND

The reservoir model constructed for the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand (Section 4) was placed into GEM to evaluate the expected performance of the CO<sub>2</sub> flood.

#### 5.1 CO<sub>2</sub> FLOOD DESIGN

Given the moderate (1.8 degree) structural dip of the formation, its high permeability, the performance of the waterflood, and the location of the remaining oil after primary recovery, the design of the CO<sub>2</sub> flood in the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand was as follows:

- Drill an updip CO<sub>2</sub> injection well on the crest of formation (Exhibit 5-1)). [7]
- Inject continuous CO<sub>2</sub> at a rate of 25 MMcfd into the J-2 Sand for 40 years
- Shut-in the one previously drilled, still active water injection well
- Operate the CO<sub>2</sub> flood using a bottom hole production back pressure of 4,000 psi
- Shut in one of the active production wells (near the CO<sub>2</sub> injector) and produce fluids from the remaining active five production wells
- Operate the CO<sub>2</sub> flood using a quarter of a five-spot pattern, with three closely spaced, active wells representing one production well and the other two closely spaced, active wells representing the second production well

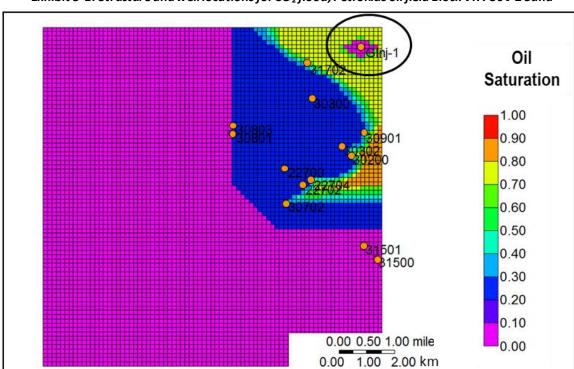


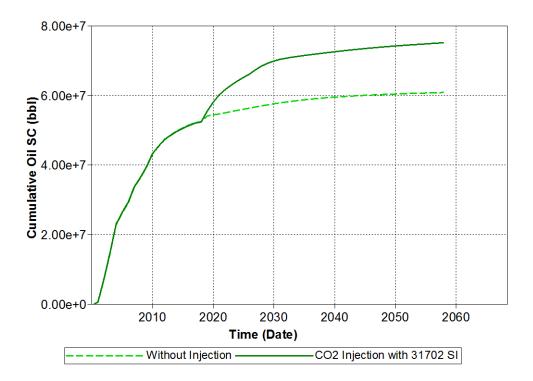
Exhibit 5-1. Structure and well locations for CO  $_2$  flood, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

#### 5.2 CALCULATED OIL RECOVERY

GEM modeling of the CO<sub>2</sub> flood in the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand provided the following volumes of incremental oil recovery (beyond primary and waterflood) (Exhibit 5-2). [7]

 14.3 MMbbl of incremental oil recovery following 40 years of CO<sub>2</sub> injection, equal to 13.5 percent of OOIP

Exhibit 5-2. Cumulative oil recovery, continuation of waterflood incremental from CO₂ Flood, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand



#### 5.3 CALCULATED CO<sub>2</sub> INJECTION, PRODUCTION, AND STORAGE

GEM modeling of the  $CO_2$  flood in the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand also provided the following data on  $CO_2$  injection, production, and storage—total gross  $CO_2$  injection of 365 Bcf, including  $CO_2$  production, recycling, and reinjection of 226 Bcf and total  $CO_2$  storage of 139 Bcf for the 40-year  $CO_2$  flood (Exhibit 5-3).

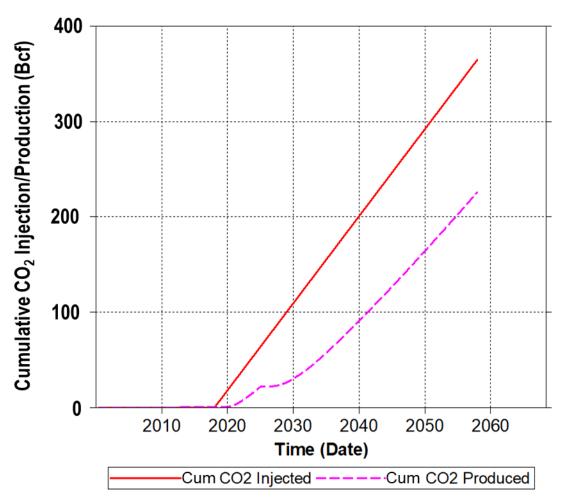


Exhibit 5-3. Cumulative CO₂ injection and production, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

Exhibit 5-4 provides the annual and cumulative data for oil production and the cumulative data for  $CO_2$  injection and production from the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand. For the 40-year  $CO_2$  flood, the key  $CO_2$  to oil ratios were 25.5 thousand cubic feet per barrel (Mcf/bbl) (gross) and 9.7 Mcf/bbl (net).

Exhibit 5-4. Oil production,  $CO_2$  injection, and  $CO_2$  production; GEM modeling of the  $CO_2$  flood, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

	Incremental (	Oil Production	Cumulative CO <sub>2</sub>		
Year	Annual (bbl/d)	Cumulative (MMbbl)	Injection (Bcf)	Production (Bcf)	
2019	3,740	1.4	9.1	0.3	
2020	6,310	3.7	18.3	0.5	
2021	5,030	5.5	27.4	2.5	
2022	3,340	6.7	36.5	6.4	
2023	2,480	7.6	45.7	11.0	
2024	2,290	8.5	54.8	16.2	
2025	1,890	9.2	63.9	21.9	
2030	1,000	12.3	109.6	30.3	
2035	140	12.8	155.2	57.4	
2040	210	13.0	200.9	90.9	
2045	230	13.5	246.6	126.9	
2050	170	13.8	292.2	164.3	
2055	150	14.1	337.9	202.7	
2058	140	14.3	365.2	226.3	

# 6 MODELING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PETRONIUS OIL FIELD, BLOCK VK 786 J-2 SAND CO<sub>2</sub> FLOOD WITH CO<sub>2</sub> PROPHET MODEL

In parallel with GEM, the CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet Model was used to evaluate the expected performance of the CO<sub>2</sub> flood in the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand using the volumetric and reservoir properties and data provided in Section 3. Exhibit 6-1 lists the key volumetric and reservoir properties data for the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand, and Exhibit 6-2 and Exhibit 6-3 are the input data sheets for modeling the CO<sub>2</sub> flood in the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand using the CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet Model.

To capture the heterogeneity of the J-2 Sand, a Dykstra-Parsons (DP) coefficient of 0.75 (the minimum value used in  $CO_2$  Prophet modeling) was used. The impact of using a more favorable DP coefficient of 0.5 that would represent a highly uniform reservoir sand was also examined.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The DP coefficient is used by the reservoir engineering community to define the heterogeneity of a reservoir, with a low value (0.5 or so) reflecting low heterogeneity and a high value (0.9 or so) reflecting high heterogeneity. A full-scale, compositional reservoir model typically assigns different permeability values to discrete units of net pay (the vertical stack of grid blocks) to capture the reservoir heterogeneity.

Exhibit 6-1. Volumetric and reservoir properties, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

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Basin Name	Deep Water		Area:	Offshore	^
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Field Name	VK786 (Petronius)		Reservoir No.	24485	
			Manual	24485	~
Reservoir	VK786MID_TEX_W		Total Reservoirs	24188	
Reservoir Parameters:		Oil Production		Volumes	
Area (A)	5,700	Producing Wells (active)	6	OOIP (MMbl)	106.0
Net Pay (ft)	16	Producing Wells (shut-in)	3	Cum P/S Oil (MMbl)	52.0
Depth (ft)	10,563	2016 Production (MMbbl)	0.00	EOY 2016 P/S Reserves (MMbl)	1.3
Lithology	1	2016 P/S Production (MMbbl)	0.00	Ultimate P/S Recovery (MMbl)	53.3
Dip (°)	0	Cum Oil Production (MMbbl)	52.0	Remaining (MMbbl)	52.7
Gas/Oil Ratio (Mcf/Bbl)	982	EOY 2014 Oil Reserves (MMbbl)	1.3	Ultimate P/S Recovered (%)	50%
Salinity (ppm)	100,000	Water Cut	0.0%	P/S Sweep Efficiency (%)	99%
Gas specific Gravity	0.65			OOIP Volume Check	
Historical Well Spacing (Acres)	-	Water Production		Reservoir Volume (AF)	91,227
Current Pattern Acreage (Acres)	-	2014 Water Production (Mbbl)	0.00	Bbl/AF	1,162
Permeability (mD)	398	Daily Water (Mbbl/d)	0.00	OOIP Check (MMbl)	106.0
Porosity (%)	28%				
Reservoir Temp (deg F)	182	Injection		SROIP Volume Check	(
Initial Pressure (psi)	5,800	Injection Wells (active)	1	Reservoir Volume (AF)	91,227
Pressure (psi)	-1	Injection Wells (shut-in)	3	Swept Zone Bbl/AF	569
		2008 Water Injection (MMbbl)	0.00	SROIP Check (MMbbl)	51.9
B <sub>oi</sub>	1.44	Daily Injection - Field (Mbbl/d)	0.00		
B <sub>o</sub> @ S <sub>o</sub> , swept	1.44	Cum Injection (MMbbl)	0.00		
Soi	0.77	Daily Inj per Well (Bbl/d)	0.00	ROIP Volume Check	
Sor	0.38			ROIP Check (MMbl)	52.7
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S <sub>w</sub>	0.62	Type	0		
•		2014 EOR Production (MMbbl)	0.00		
API Gravity	31.2	Cum EOR Production (MMbbl)	0.00		
Viscosity (cp)	0.90	EOR 2014 Reserves (MMbbl)	0.00		
	0.00	Ultimate Recoverery (MMbbl)	0.00		
Dykstra-Parsons	0.75	OGJ Data	5.55		
Miscibility:	0.70	2014 Enhanced Production (B/d)	0.00		
C5+ Oil Composition	212.8	2014 Total Production (B/d)	0.00		
Min Required Miscibility Press(psig)	2609.9	Project Acreage	0		
Depth > 3000 feet	1	Scope	0		

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Miscible

API Gravity >= 17.5

Pr > MMP

Flood Type

Exhibit 6-2. Input data sheet, CO₂ Prophet modeling of Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand (DP = 0.75)

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Exhibit 6-3. Input data sheet, CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet modeling of Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand (DP = 0.5)

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#### 6.1 CO<sub>2</sub> FLOOD DESIGN

The structural setting and well locations of the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand were modeled with the CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet Model using the following features.

- Drill a new CO<sub>2</sub> producer at the crest of the formation and operate the CO<sub>2</sub> flood as a quarter of a 5-spot pattern
- Inject continuous CO<sub>2</sub> at a rate of 25 MMcfd for 40 years, reaching a cumulative injection of CO<sub>2</sub> of 365 Bcf, equal to the CO<sub>2</sub> injected in GEM (hydrocarbon pore volume of 1.0)

#### **6.2 CALCULATED OIL RECOVERY**

 $CO_2$  Prophet modeling of the  $CO_2$  flood in the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand with a DP coefficient of 0.75 provided incremental oil recovery (beyond the waterflood) of 10.8 MMbbl.  $CO_2$  Prophet modeling of the  $CO_2$  flood in the J-2 Sand with a DP coefficient of 0.5 provided incremental oil recovery (beyond the waterflood) of 17.4 MMbbl.

#### 6.3 CALCULATED CO2 INJECTION, PRODUCTION, AND STORAGE

CO<sub>2</sub> Prophet modeling of the CO<sub>2</sub> flood in the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand provided the following data for CO<sub>2</sub> injection, CO<sub>2</sub> production, and CO<sub>2</sub> storage for a 40-year CO<sub>2</sub> flood.

- For the DP = 0.75 case, CO<sub>2</sub> injection of 365 Bcf, CO<sub>2</sub> production of 238 Bcf, and CO<sub>2</sub> storage of 127 Bcf for a 40-year CO<sub>2</sub> flood, with CO<sub>2</sub> to oil ratios of 33.8 Mcf/bbl (gross) and 11.7 Mcf/bbl (net)
- For the DP = 0.5 case, CO<sub>2</sub> injection of 365 Bcf, CO<sub>2</sub> production of 190 Bcf, and CO<sub>2</sub> storage of 175 Bcf for a 40-year CO<sub>2</sub> flood, with CO<sub>2</sub> to oil ratios 21.0 Mcf/bbl (gross) and 10.1 Mcf/bbl (net)

Exhibit 6-4 (for DP = 0.75) and Exhibit 6-5 (for DP = 0.5) provide the data for oil production,  $CO_2$  injection, and  $CO_2$  production of the performance of the  $CO_2$  flood in the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand using the  $CO_2$  Prophet Model.

Exhibit 6-4. Cumulative oil production,  $CO_2$  injection, and  $CO_2$  production;  $CO_2$  Prophet modeling of the  $CO_2$  flood, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand (DP = 0.75)

Year	CO₂Inj (Bcf)	Oil Prod (MMbbl)	CO₂Prod (Bcf)	Purch CO₂ (Bcf)	CO₂ Util (Mcf/bbl)
1	9.1	0.5	-	9.1	16.7
2	18.3	1.1	-	18.3	16.6
3	27.4	2.0	0.1	27.3	13.7
4	36.5	2.8	2.5	34.1	12.1
5	45.7	3.3	6.6	39.0	11.7
6	54.8	3.7	11.6	43.2	11.6
7	63.9	4.1	16.8	47.1	11.5
8	73.1	4.5	22.0	51.0	11.3
9	82.2	4.8	27.9	54.3	11.3
10	91.3	5.1	33.9	57.5	11.3
11	100.4	5.4	39.6	60.8	11.2
12	109.6	5.8	45.1	64.4	11.0
13	118.7	6.3	50.8	67.9	10.8
14	127.8	6.6	57.0	70.8	10.8
15	137.0	6.8	63.5	73.4	10.8
16	146.1	7.0	70.2	75.9	10.9
17	155.2	7.1	77.0	78.3	11.0
18	164.4	7.3	83.8	80.5	11.0
19	173.5	7.5	90.6	82.9	11.1
20	182.6	7.7	97.4	85.2	11.1
21	191.8	7.9	104.2	87.6	11.2
22	200.9	8.0	111.1	89.8	11.2
23	210.0	8.2	118.0	92.0	11.3
24	219.2	8.3	125.0	94.1	11.3
25	228.3	8.5	132.0	96.3	11.4
26	237.4	8.7	138.8	98.6	11.4
27	246.5	8.9	145.7	100.9	11.4
28	255.7	9.1	152.5	103.2	11.4
29	264.8	9.3	159.4	105.4	11.4
30	273.9	9.5	166.3	107.6	11.4
31	283.1	9.6	173.3	109.7	11.4
32	292.2	9.8	180.4	111.8	11.4
33	301.3	10.0	187.6	113.8	11.4
34	310.5	10.1	194.8	115.7	11.5
35	319.6	10.2	202.0	117.6	11.5
36	328.7	10.3	209.3	119.4	11.5
37	337.9	10.5	216.6	121.3	11.6
38	347.0	10.6	223.9	123.1	11.6
39	356.1	10.7	231.2	125.0	11.7
40	365.3	10.8	238.4	126.8	11.7

Exhibit 6-5. Cumulative oil production,  $CO_2$  injection, and  $CO_2$  production;  $CO_2$  Prophet modeling of the  $CO_2$  flood, Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand (DP = 0.5)

Year	CO₂ Inj (Bcf)	Oil Prod (MMbbl)	CO₂ Prod (Bcf)	Purch CO₂ (Bcf)	CO₂ Util (Mcf/bbl)
1	9.1	0.5	(BCI)	9.1	16.7
2	18.3	1.1	-	18.3	16.7
3	27.4	1.6		27.4	16.7
4	36.5	2.3	-	36.5	16.7
5	45.7	3.1	0.0	45.6	14.8
6	54.8	3.9	1.3	53.5	13.7
7	63.9	4.6	4.0	60.0	13.7
8	73.1	5.2	7.0	66.0	12.7
9	82.2	5.8	10.4	71.7	12.7
10	91.3	6.4	14.3	77.1	12.4
11	100.4	6.9	18.3	82.2	11.8
12	100.4	7.5	22.4	87.2	11.5
13	118.7	8.1	27.1	91.6	11.5
14	127.8	8.5	32.0	95.8	11.4
15	137.0	9.0	37.0	99.9	11.5
16	146.1	9.4	42.1		
				104.0	11.0
17	155.2	9.9	47.3	107.9	10.9
18	164.4	10.3	52.6	111.8	10.8
19	173.5	10.8	58.0	115.5	10.7
20	182.6	11.2	63.4	119.2	10.6
21	191.8	11.7	69.0	122.8	10.5
22	200.9	12.1	74.7	126.1	10.5
23	210.0	12.4	80.6	129.4	10.4
24	219.2	12.8	86.6	132.6	10.4
25	228.3	13.1	92.5	135.7	10.3
26	237.4	13.5	98.6	138.8	10.3
27	246.5	13.8	104.8	141.7	10.3
28	255.7	14.1	111.2	144.5	10.2
29	264.8	14.4	117.7	147.1	10.2
30	273.9	14.6	124.2	149.7	10.2
31	283.1	14.9	130.8	152.2	10.2
32	292.2	15.1	137.4	154.8	10.2
33	301.3	15.4	143.9	157.4	10.2
34	310.5	15.7	150.4	160.0	10.2
35	319.6	16.0	156.9	162.7	10.2
36	328.7	16.3	163.3	165.4	10.2
37	337.9	16.6	169.8	168.1	10.1
38	347.0	16.9	176.3	170.7	10.1
39	356.1	17.1	182.9	173.2	10.1
40	365.3	17.4	189.6	175.7	10.1

# 7 COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF GEM AND CO<sub>2</sub> PROPHET MODELING OF CO<sub>2</sub> FLOOD, PETRONIUS OIL FIELD BLOCK VK 786 J-2 SAND

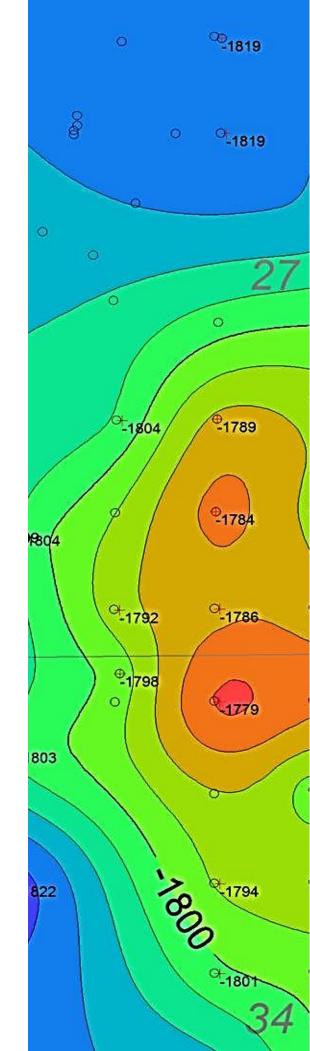
Based on the information provided in Section 5 and Section 6, it was found that the  $CO_2$  Prophet Model was able to reasonably represent the performance of the  $CO_2$  flood modeled using the more sophisticated GEM. Exhibit 7-1 provides a comparison of the results for the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand from the two reservoir models. The DP reservoir heterogeneity values of 0.5 to 0.75 used in the  $CO_2$  Prophet Model provide results that bracket the performance of the  $CO_2$  flood calculated using GEM.

Exhibit 7-1. Comparative assessments of performance for the Petronius oil field Block VK 786 J-2 Sand

Parameter	CO <sub>2</sub> Flood Performance	CO₂ Flood Performance CO₂ Prophet Model					
	GEM	DP = 0.75	DP = 0.5				
OOIP (MMbbl)	106	106	106				
CO <sub>2</sub> Injection (Bcf)	365	365	365				
CO <sub>2</sub> Production (Bcf)	226	238	190				
CO <sub>2</sub> Storage (Bcf)	139	127	175				
Cumulative Oil Recovery							
MMbbl	14.3	10.8	17.4				
% of OOIP	13.6	10.2	16.4				
CO <sub>2</sub> /Oil Ratio (Mcf/bbl)							
Gross	25.5	33.8	21.0				
Net	9.7	11.8	10.1				

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